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Paul Divjak To Resume Leadership of Bechtel Operations In Idaho Succeeding Frank Russo

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO (August 14, 2006)---Paul Divjak will resume responsibilities as President and General Manager of Bechtel BWXT Idaho, succeeding Frank Russo, Bechtel National Inc. President David Walker announced today.

Mr. Russo has been asked to assist and consult on the development of new business opportunities being pursued by Bechtel National Inc.

"We're pleased to have a strong, proven individual like Paul to continue the performance that Bechtel BWXT Idaho has registered shipping waste out of Idaho for the Department of Energy," Walker said. "Paul is well known and has proven relations with our DOE clients, is extremely knowledgeable about the Idaho site, and is well respected within the community."

The change of leadership has been discussed with officials at Department of Energy Headquarters and DOE's Idaho Operations Office. "We really appreciate the excellent job Frank Russo and his BBWI team have done in getting waste out of Idaho," said DOE Idaho Operations Manager Elizabeth Sellers. "Having worked with Paul in the past, we expect he'll maintain the same high standard of performance."

Mr. Divjak served as President and General Manager of Bechtel BWXT Idaho when it held the management and operations contract for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, now the Idaho National Laboratory and Idaho Cleanup Project. Following the change in contractors at the INL, Mr. Divjak was asked to lead Bechtel National work with the Federal Emergency Management Association in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Divjak has 35 years of experience managing nuclear, government and commercial projects for Bechtel. His prior work at DOE's Idaho site included responsibilities for plant operations and program management. "Paul is ideally suited for the work at the AMWTP and we are fortunate he was available and willing to take this assignment," Walker said.

Projects completed during Mr. Divjak's prior time in Idaho included shipping 3,100 cubic meter of transuranic waste out of Idaho to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico, meeting an Idaho Settlement Agreement interim milestone ahead of schedule. Combined with the transuranic waste that Bechtel BWXT Idaho has shipped since being named to manage and operate the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, more than 11,000 cubic meters of transuranic waste have been shipped out of Idaho, accounting for nearly 40 percent of the total amount of waste permanently stored at WIPP.